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On Wednesday June 20, 2007 Ogema elect, Larry Romanelli, was given the oath of office. The Dome Room was standing room only as Mr. Romanelli exchanged handshakes, gifts and a traditional pipe ceremony with former Ogema Wilson and members of the Tribal Council. As he took the podium for his first formal address in office the room quivered with anticipation. Romanelli's address was met with laughter, nods, and two standing ovations amidst looks of uneasiness with his candor toward

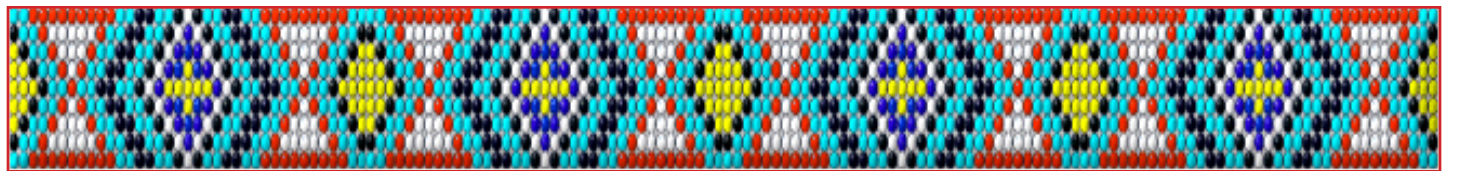


certain concerns and accusations.

Overall the room became abuzz with agreement and thankfulness for his openness as the crowd partook in the after ceremony feast. Members of the audience were given a chance to address Mr. Romanelli with questions,

concerns and well wishes during the open feasting. Overall the ceremony was a positive experience for all involved.

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Dear Members:

First, let me thank everyone involved with the installation ceremony; it was fantastic.

Congratulations to Tracy Frees and Jeanette Burrows on being sworn in as well.

My first couple of weeks were everything I expected; busy, hectic and hectic! I wanted to hit the ground running and the staff did not let me down. I am already making some changes but mostly reading and bringing my self up to speed on various issues facing this tribe. There are several major issues that will have a significant impact on the tribe and we need to make sure they are done correctly and with a lot of thought. I hope everyone is having a great summer.

Miigwetch,
Larry



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This is from an email that is being passed around Indian country in hopes of locating the regalia shown in the attached photos. The regalia was stolen at the Gathering of Nations Pow Wow this past April. If you see any of the regalia on the trail, please call any of the numbers below.

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The Public Information Department welcomes submissions for our "Letters to the Editor" section of the newspaper, but we will not run libelous, slanderous or defamatory statements due to a long-standing department policy.

We will also not knowingly run information that is incorrect.

We reserve the right to edit any material submitted for space and content.

The deadline for submissions to the Little River Currents is the first of the month.

You can e-mail, fax or call your submissions in.

Please e-mail submissions to: aeagle@lrboi.com, fax them to 231-723-6863 or call the department at 231.398.6840.

Please only call in your submissions if they are short.

We also welcome comments, suggestions and story ideas using the submissions form found on the pages of the Little River Currents.



“Aanii Kina Gwaya:

First, let me thank you for the opportunity to speak. I would like to apologize in advance for the length, but this may well be one of the most important speeches of my term of office.

I have made a copy of this speech for Kim Alexander, our Council Recording Secretary and another copy for Glenn Zaring from our Public Information office. I wanted this recorded in these minutes and also placed in the Little River Currents so that all members will have access to it and will be able to hold me accountable for what I say. Accountability...I believe that this tribe needs more of it from everyone and I'll start with me! I want to let Tribal Council and the membership know exactly what I intend to accomplish and to also ask Council what does it need and expect from me.

I truly believe that I will be either the shortest or longest seated Ogema in this tribes' history: there will be no middle ground for me. Sworn in on Wednesday, sworn at on Thursday!

I am here today because the voting majority of the membership voted me in, as they did each Council member seated here. I will always be ruled by the majorities' wishes. That's the Democratic process! It doesn't mean that every member will get their wish every time, unless of course they are always in the majority!

From the start, I have made two major promises to the members. First, I will open up communication and second, I will work to change the Tribal Constitution, especially as it pertains to quorums! On the subject of communication, the next membership meeting will have a great deal more time devoted to answering questions from members. If I have the time, on the Friday night before the Membership meeting, I will spend from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. answering questions from out-of-town members.

On the day of the meeting, I will set aside at least a couple of hours for a Question and Answer period. In addition to that I will have a time for “Members Only” where we can share financials or more confidential matters with members only.

I also want to be able to get the tribal newspaper, the Little River Currents to out-of-town and out-of-state members quicker than in the past. The Currents is the only source of communication many of our members get from this

tribe. I would like to have meeting attendance records for every meeting of the tribe published on a regular basis for accountability to the membership. The membership should be aware of every major decision of this tribe as soon as possible.

Next are Constitutional Changes and Quorum Requirements. We must begin immediately revising our Constitution; it must not take a back seat to any other issue. Our members deserve their right to vote. It is long overdue.

We have outgrown our Constitution! It worked when there were only several hundred members and most lived within Manistee County. We now have several thousand members living in almost every state in the Union and overseas. Given this widespread membership base, it is basically impossible to obtain a quorum with a membership approaching 4,000 and still growing. We need to look at other parts of the Constitution and make changes as necessary. I understand that changing the Constitution will not happen overnight, and being the impatient person I am, and feeling the importance of giving our members a voice in governing this tribe, I have decided to ask Council to work with me on establishing a temporary committee: an Ogema's Committee of seven members whose main charge is to issue an opinion to me...the Ogema...on issues brought to me by the membership. In the interest of fairness and cooperation, of the seven members, I would pick one member to chair the committee; one representative would be picked by each of the four former Ogemas. The Binojeeuk Commission would pick one member to represent the Younger people of the tribe. The Elders Committee would pick one representative to represent the Elders of the tribe. If anyone chooses to not send a representative, I will appoint one. Once the quorum requirements are changed, the committee could be dissolved.

As for the employees of the tribe, contrary to rumors, I have no intention of terminating anyone at this time. If you are doing your job and following the rules of the tribe, you should feel secure in your employment.

On our relationship with other tribes, I have already talked with other tribal Ogemas and Leaders and hope to work together inter-tribally. There is strength in numbers. Also, I believe that we can save time and spinning of our wheels by seeking the advice of other tribes that are very similar to

ours and who have probably faced some of the same issues that we face.

Economic development is vital to the future of this tribe. We need to be willing to look at all possible options and be open-minded about the types of development we pursue.

I would like to build a strong relationship with other local, state and federal entities, to work together for the benefit of all. I wish to start out on a level playing field; to show and receive respect from all.

As far as the media is concerned, it has been said that you should be careful not to argue with someone who buys ink by the barrel; I'll heed this advice while also stating that we, as one of the largest if not the largest employer in the county, also have ink and an advertising budget. But seriously, if we are given balanced coverage, I believe that we can have a good relationship. I will do my part to keep the media informed of what we are doing through our Public Information Department.

I would ask that all media questions be referred to our Public Information Department in an effort to convey accurate information. Finally, I want to work with this Council. One of the first questions asked by Council was if we can sit down and communicate? My answer was, “Yes!”

There has been what is termed a ‘Power Struggle’ between the Legislative and Executive branches of our government. We need to resolve this as soon as possible for the benefit of the tribe. Again, I point to the need to revise and/or clarify parts of the Constitution. I do not intend on spending months debating these issues. There is too much to be done within the tribe.

I expect this Council to act fairly; I, in turn, will work with Council to resolve issues facing this tribe.

I speak with the voice of hundreds and hear with the ears of hundreds; and we can move forward with the force of thousands!

In closing, let me say that I truly believe that I am here because of the Great Spirit; before I make any decision, I will ask myself, “Would this decision be the will of

the Membership Majority?” and “How will this decision impact the next seven generation?”

If our forefathers had not looked out for our future, we would not be sitting here today. Let's make a place for future generations. May I always walk a straight line, down a dirt path, along the “Red Road.”

I'd like to read a brief excerpt from the Constitution of the Iroquois Nations, which was said to be written hundreds of years ago, possibly as long as 1000 years, when they chose a new leader

“You shall now become a mentor of the people of the five nations. The thickness of your skin shall be seven spans – which is to say that you shall be proof against anger, offensive actions and criticism. Your heart shall be filled with peace and good will and your mind filled with a yearning for the welfare of the people of your confederacy. With endless patience you shall carry out your duty and your firmness shall be tempered with tenderness for your people. Neither anger nor fury shall find lodgement in your mind and all your words and actions shall be marked with calm deliberation. In all your official acts, self interest shall be cast into oblivion.

Cast not over your shoulder behind you the warnings of the nephews and nieces should they chide you for any error or wrong you may do, but return to the way of the Great Law which is Just and Right. Look and listen for the welfare of the whole people and have always in view not only the present but also the coming generations, even those whose faces are yet beneath the surface of the ground – the unborn of the future nation.”

Again, thank you for the time to speak and may we walk together in peace remembering that we are “All of the same height!”

Miigwetch

Ogema Larry Romanelli
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians



Kim Alexander
Tribal Council
Recorder

NEWS FROM THE DESK OF THE TRIBAL COUNCIL RECORDER
FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE-2007

Hello to all!

The Tribal Council has been busy everyday sitting in on work session and there has been between 7-8 Councilors that attend these meetings on a regular basis. We are really working hard on the Revenue Allocation Ordinance and working on putting teeth into the Ethics Ordinance, and the Meeting Procedure Ordinance. We area also going to be discussing closing our Enrollment in a work session on July 9th @ 2:30 you would have to call Kathleen Block to see if the date and time has not changed but for now it is set for that date.

We received the sad news that Mary Witkop will be leaving us soooooooooooooooooooooon I am sad to see her leave as she has been a wonderful Attorney, and Mary we will miss you even though you will be a walk down the hall from us. She has accepted the position that Nancy Kida did as the Legal Assistant position. Good Luck Mary!

Well with closing I hope everyone has a Happy 4th of July holiday and stay safe.

Sincerely,

Kimberly Alexander
Tribal Council/Recorder



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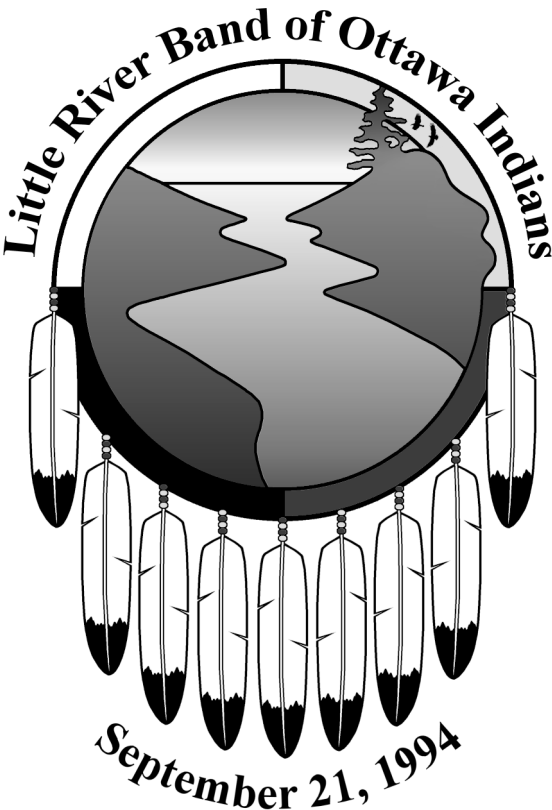
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Manistee Ford-Mercury is pleased to offer Little River of Ottawa Indians Tribal Government employees and Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Members (including employee and member families) special discount pricing on new and used vehicles. New Ford and Mercury vehicles that are eligible for the supplier discount will be made available at that price. Each vehicle is discounted differently and identified on each invoice by X-Plan pricing. The discount will be extended to all used vehicles in inventory including certified pre-owned vehicles. In addition, all parts and service customers will be given 15% off. This is valid on any non-sale or coupon related purchases. All customers must present their employee or tribal member identification prior to purchase.

We look forward to assisting the entire Little River organization!

Sincerely,
Barry E. Seymour
Manistee Ford-Mercury

From the office of the Ogema:
We still have pocket - sized booklets of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Constitution available for Tribal Members.
If you would like a booklet, please contact Angela Eagle in the Public Information Department
Main line 1-231-723-8288
Direct lines 1-231-398-6840 /1-231-398-6864
Or email your request to aeagle@lrboi.com

Government Closes for the following Holidays

- *New Years Day
- *Treaty Recognition Day (March 28th)
- *Memorial Day
- *Independence Day
- *Labor Day
- *Reaffirmation Day (September 21st)
- *Veteran's Day
- *Thanksgiving Day
- *Friday after Thanksgiving Day
- *Christmas Eve Day (Half Day)
- *Christmas Day

Some areas of the government will be continue to be available on these holidays, such as Public Safety.
Currents will inform you of any scheduled closings of the Government facilities. It's always a good idea to call first if you are not sure. Just use the toll-free number of 888.723.8288.

August 2007 Commissions and Committees Meetings

August 2007							September 2007						
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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat/Sun
July 30	31	August 1	2	3	4
9:00am Director Meeting (Dome Room)	10:00am WS - Annual Project Review (TC Conf Room)	10:00am Tribal Council Meeting (Dome Room)	10:30am Development Committee (Little River Casino)	10:00am Muschigon Construction Company (Little River Casino Resort)	10:00am Veteran's meeting (Comm Center)
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Tax Office

Tax-Exempt Motor Fuel Quota

Notice to Tribal Members: Effective July 1, 2007 through September 30, 2007 the tax-exempt motor fuel monthly limit is increasing to 175 gallons per Tribal member.

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Everyone hates to hear that word. Did you ever stop to consider why? Often tax is viewed only as an expense. Many think of tax as something they have to pay without getting anything tangible in return. It’s all right to pay money for a shiny new car you can see in the driveway and use immediately for transportation. But, it’s much harder to pay money for common government services.

Governments need to finance the services they provide to their people. Contributions from the people in the form of taxes help government carry out needed tasks and contribute to their self-reliance. The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is no different. By collecting our own taxes on business activity within our territorial jurisdiction, we are exercising our right as a sovereign government.

The Tax and Revenue Administration Ordinance, Article VIII, says that any business owned by the Tribe, Tribal members, or the Tribe and Tribal members, which is located within the Reservation or within the Agreement Area shall be required to obtain a Tribal business tax license from the Tax Department. If you intend to sell something on Tribal and Trust lands, you must register for Tribal Taxes. Registration forms are available from the Tax office or can be obtained on the website. Call the tax officer at 231-398-6874 for more information.



RENTAL UNITS AVAILABLE

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department is pleased to announce that we have five new 3-bedroom family homes available for rent at Aki Maadiziwin in Manistee. These are newly constructed single family homes with all new appliances (including washer/dryers), attached garages and full basements.

Two of these homes are ADA equipped (wheelchair accessible). To qualify for an ADA home you must be physically disabled as defined by Federal Law.

These homes are available for low-income families. Rental payments will be 30% of the household’s adjusted gross monthly income. To help you determine what is considered “low-income” please refer to the income limits listed here.

Family Size	1	2	3	4	5	6
Income	\$33,400	\$38,150	\$42,900	\$47,700	\$51,500	\$55,300

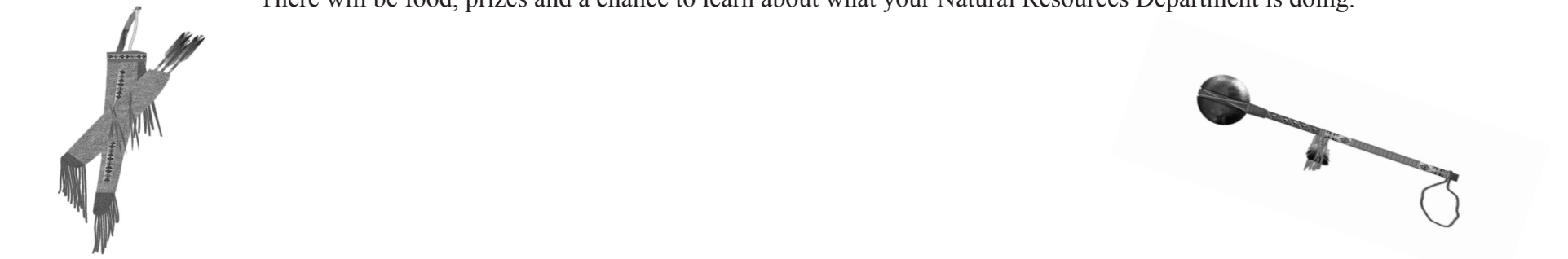
Copies of the Regulations governing eligibility and occupancy may be obtained from the Housing Department or the tribal web site.

If you are interested in applying for a rental unit, please call the Housing Department at 1.888.723.8288.



Natural Resources Info Luncheon announced

The Natural Resources Commission and Department have announced their annual NRC Informational meeting for August 18th at Noon.
The location is the Gathering Grounds.
There will be food, prizes and a chance to learn about what your Natural Resources Department is doing.



Members Assistance

Office of the Members Assistance Department



In providing better service and accessible information to our membership the Members Assistance Program applications are now available online. Visit the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians website at www.lrboi.com. Applications are available at [Members Assistance](#) or [Tribal Forms and Applications](#).

Current Assistance Programs

*Food Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a dietary/food crisis. **Assistance is available in all states.** If you are receiving food assistance from another agency, please verify with agency to ensure accessing this program will not affect your benefits. Eligibility Requirements:
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
-Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year per household; provided in three \$100.00 increments.

*Low Income Energy Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing an energy crisis. Assistance may be accessed once per year up to maximum amount not to exceed \$300. **Assistance is available in all states.** Eligibility Requirements:
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
-Received a shut off notice from utility vendor
-Received a denial from an outside agency for utility assistance
-Amount of assistance: \$300.00 per year; per household.

*Rental and Mortgage Assistance Program

This program provides assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a housing crisis. **Assistance is available in all**

states. Program may be access once every two years. Eligibility Requirements:
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
-Received an eviction or foreclosure notice
-Received a denial from an outside agency for assistance
-Amount of assistance: Equivalent to one month's rent or mortgage payment not to exceed \$1000 or; in the event of eviction or foreclosure amount not to exceed \$1000 to stop eviction or foreclosure proceedings.

*LIHEAP

Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (Heat Source – Natural Gas, Propane, Electric, Coal, Fuel Oil and Wood)

This is a grant funded program to provide assistance to members who meet the eligibility requirements and are experiencing a heating crisis and live in the 9 county service areas in Michigan. (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Nwaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
-Amount of assistance varies according to individual income level, number of family members and available funding.
-Priority is given to Elders, Disabled and Single parents of young children.

-Eligible if someone in the household is receiving SSI benefits or are receiving Food Stamps

*Emergency Transportation

The Importance Renter Insurance

Most renters do not have insurance to cover personal property such as clothes, furniture, jewelry etc. Do you have renters insurance? What will you do in the event of a disaster such as a fire, flood or theft? Renters insurance can protect your property from most perils. One common myth is that your landlord's insurance protects you. This is false. Your landlord's insurance only covers the dwelling and does not cover your personal property. Another myth is that you don't own enough personal property and it isn't worth buying insurance. This is also false. Your possessions are worth more than you expect. The average person has over \$20,000 worth of personal belongings. The cost of a renters' insurance is minimal compared to the out of your own pocket expense in repairing or replacing your property. For more information about renters insurance contact an insurance representative to discuss a policy to meet your umbrella of protection needs.



Submitted by:
Lee A. Iverson

Assistance

The Emergency Transportation Assistance Program assists members experiencing a transportation crisis. **Assistance is available in all states.** Program scope for assistance is repair or replacement of mechanical and/or electrical items required for proper vehicle operation and maintenance of safety items.
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; 175% of the FPIG
-Vehicle ownership is in the name of the Tribal member or a residence verified permanent member of the household
-Vehicle areas in need of repair must meet the scope of the program.
Amount of assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

Elder Chore Assistance Program

The Elder Chore Assistance assists elders age 55 and older. This program is intended to provide limited, short-term financial assistance to eligible Elder members who are disabled and are limited in their ability to perform routine household chores essential to their health and safety and have no other recourse for assistance.

There is no income requirement for this program. **Assistance is available in all states.** Elder must be a permanent member of the household and must provide proof of a permanent or temporary physical disability.

Temporary disability shall be for no less than 30 days and shall be verified by documented evidence of

temporary disability from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional. Permanent disability shall be verified by documented evidence from a qualified mental health professional or medical professional.
Amount of Assistance – Up to maximum of \$400.00 per household and applicant per year

Home Repair Program

The Home Repair Program assists home owners who meet the eligibility requirements. The program assists with the repair of existing substandard roof, electrical, heating, plumbing and weatherization. **Assistance is available in all states.** Note: Home Repair Eligibility is based on Annual Gross Income, please contact department for income criteria.
-Tribal member is a permanent member of the household and reside in home year around
-Home is located in the continental United States.
-Household income does not exceed the income criteria; program income guideline is based on annual gross income.
-Ownership of home is in the name of the Tribal member.
-Home areas in need of repair meet the definition of substandard condition.
-Home owners insurance, property taxes and mortgage payments must be up to date and in good standing
-Amount of assistance: Up to maximum of \$7500.00 per household

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NUTRITION AND HEALTHY EATING CLASSES TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR HEALTH

TOPICS TO BE DISCUSSED:

Identifying fats, carbohydrates and protein foods and food exchanges. Understanding food labels, food shopping and healthy choices. Healthy cooking, sugar and sugar substitutes, salt and fats in food. Eating away from home and portion sizes. Alcohol and the effects on diabetes. Evaluating diets.

WHEN and WHERE:

Beginning in September one afternoon and one evening session offered per week. (Same topic at afternoon and evening session for a

total of 8-10 total weeks) at the Community Center in Manistee, Michigan. One afternoon session every other Thursday in Muskegon. (8-10 total sessions)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

Anyone interested in changing their eating habits or becoming aware of healthy eating. Anyone who is over weight or has an over weight family member (adult or child) and wants to help make healthy changes. Diabetics, those with high blood pressure, high cholesterol and/or their family. School age

children are welcome and encouraged to come, but need to be accompanied by an adult.

If you have any questions or input on the best days to meet, please contact Holly Davis R.N., M.S.N. at 1-888-382-8299 ext. 6610 or directly at 231-398-6610.

Let's Move DVD's (low impact exercise routine) available at no charge just call 1-888-382-8299 ext. 6610 or 6629. Thanks. Holly

Tribal Government Internships

Tribal Members interested in doing an internship with the

L.R.B.O.I. Tribal Government Office please contact:
Sharron M. Detz
Human Resource Director
231-398-6706

LaHaye Fund-Raiser Great Success!

The group of friends and volunteers who worked on the Fundraiser for Jackie LaHaye at the Moose Lodge on June 9th wish to thank everyone that participated in the benefit dinner/auction. Thanks to all that came to help out, it was a long day for everyone but it was all worth it. Jackie was presented with over \$6200 at the end of the evening.

The following people were the winners of the raffle items:

Beach basket	Sherman Moore
Summer basket	Melanie Ceplina
Fire pit	Archie Martell
Gas Grill	Leonna Dieter
Patio set	Janis Compeau

Once again, Thanks to all who made this such a great success...



Jackie LaHaye



Warrior Society

To all Warrior Society Veterans:
Please send your name and address as it is printed in the tribal directory.

I(Al Medacco) need this to send cards letters, or materials.

Send A.S.A.P. to:

Al Medacco

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Eligibility and participation for FDPIR are based on application and certification requiring tribal status, income and resources qualification. In determining who is eligible to receive commodities, there is a guideline on how much income each household can have to be eligible for the program. We are Federally Funded by the USDA and they set the regulations and guidelines for commodity programs.

A black and white photograph of three people sitting at a table. The table is covered with a tablecloth that has a large, stylized Native American design, possibly a totem pole or a series of figures. On the table, there are several items, including a white cup and some papers. The person on the left is a woman with short hair, wearing a dark jacket. The person in the middle is a woman with glasses and a dark top. The person on the right is a man with a beard and a dark t-shirt. They are all looking towards the camera.

For more information call : 1-888-723-8288 & 231-398-6715 & 231-398- 6716.
Ask for Yvonne Theodore or George Lawrence or Laurie Jackson.
Office hours are 8:00 A.M to 5:00 P.M



Some presentations are: Cultural teachings, language learning, pipe teachings, natural medicines, drum making, hoop dancing, flute playing, basket making, hide tanning and games. These presentations and workshops are for all ages. We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp. These presentations will be in both English and Anishinaabemowin. First come, first serve for the camping area. This great event will take place at the corner of M22 and US 31 across from the Casino. There are showers on site. Bring your Nation flag and we will display it to show the unity of our language and culture. We encourage every family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

BE WISE---EXERCISE

Exercise 3-4 hours per week (30 minutes a day for 5-7 days) to maintain cardiovascular health and 7 hours per week to maintain and promote weight loss.

Warm up before beginning exercise by doing some stretching of the arms and legs. Stretching helps prevent aching and muscle cramps.

Choose the exercise right for you whether it's

- *riding a bike,
- *hiking in the woods,
- * dancing,
- * canoeing,
- * swimming
- *walking

Be active on most days of the week. It only takes 10 minutes to get started. Being active 10 minutes, 3 times a day, adds up to good health.

Monitor blood glucose to evaluate it's how your body responds to exercise.

Be aware that blood glucose levels may drop and have access to

glucose and carbohydrate based foods. Protect your feet by wearing good shoes that fit, cushion and support your feet. Look at your feet after

exercising for red areas, blisters or sores.

If you have any foot problems, contact your physician.

Health benefits of exercise include lowers blood glucose levels, reducing risk of heart disease and stroke, reduces blood pressure, reduces stress and improves psychological well-being.



Diabetic Cooking for Kids

Finger Licking chicken salad



Makes 1 serving

- ½ Cup purchased carved roasted skinless chicken breast, cubed
- ½ rib celery, cut into 1- inch pieces
- ¼ cup drained mandarin orange segments
- ¼ cup red seedless grapes
- 2 tablespoons fat-free, sugar free lemon yogurt
- 1 table spoon reduced- fat mayonnaise
- ¼ teaspoon reduced-sodium soy sauce
- 1/8 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice or cinnamon

1. Toss chicken, celery, oranges and grapes in covered plastic container.
 2. For dipping sauce, combine yogurt, mayonnaise
 3. Pack Chicken mixture and dipping sauce in insulated bag with ice pack. To serve, dip chicken mixture into dipping sauce.
- Variation:** Alternatively thread the chicken, celery, oranges and grapes on wooden skewers.



Nutrients per serving: 1 Salad
Calories: 207 **Calories from fat:** 25%, **Total Fat:** 6 g, **Saturated Fat:** 1 g, **Cholesterol:** 64 mg, **Sodium:** 212 mg, **Carbohydrate:** 15g, **Fiber:** 1g, **Protein:** 24g
Dietary Exchange: 1 Fruit, 3 Meat



Recipe from Diabetic Cook Book
Publications International, LTD.



Well and Septic Program

The Well and Septic is an Indian Health Services (IHS) funded program. This program promotes health and safety for our tribal members by providing new or renovated sanitation facilities (Well and Septic). This program is available in the nine county service areas, there is no income requirement. Applicant must be;

- a. Enrolled member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians.
- b. Reside in the nine county service areas (Kent, Lake, Manistee, Mason, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Ottawa and Wexford)
- c. Home must be the primary residence of applicant – (Reside in year around)
- d. Ownership of home/site must be in the tribal member’s name.
- e. Project Site meets the I.H.S Eligibility Requirements.

Members Assistance Program Income Guidelines

LRBOI Program Income Criteria			
Family Size		175%	3 Mthly Income
1		\$ 17,867.50	\$4,467
2		\$ 23,957.50	\$5,989
3		\$ 30,047.50	\$7,512
4		\$ 36,137.50	\$9,034
5		\$ 42,227.50	\$10,557
6		\$ 48,317.50	\$12,079
7		\$ 54,407.50	\$13,602
8		\$ 60,497.50	\$15,124



Federal Income Guideline provided by: Federal Register Part V. Department of Health and Human Services Dated January 24, 2007

HOUSEHOLD INCOME – Household income eligibility determination is based on three (3) months income prior to application. Applicant must provide proof of income for three months. Applicant and/or permanent household member shall complete the zero income form for periods within the three months where there is no income generated. Income requirement includes all individuals in household age 18 and older.

*Program can be accessed by the Parent or Guardian of a member who has not reached the age of 18 or the legal guardian of a member who has been determined by a court of competent jurisdiction to require legal guardian over the person and/or affairs, provided that the guardian is not the State of Michigan or other state government. This information must be on file with the Enrollment Department.

Please contact the Members Assistance Department for complete program information and/or to request an application. Applications are now available online at www.lrboi.com Members Assistance link.

Amber Moore – Intake Clerk
Linda Wissner – Intake Clerk
Lee A. Ivinson – Members Assistance Coordinator

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Health to Health

The Michigan Family-to-Family Health Information and Education



Center (F2FHIEC) in collaboration with the Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE) conducted a Health/Education Training at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Tribal Community Center on May 9, 2007. Fourteen people participated representing seven agency and three tribal departments including Muskegon Public Schools, Michigan Rehabilitation Services, MSU Cooperative Extension, Big

Brother/Big Sisters, and the Michigan Alliance for Families. The training provided basic information needed to plan and advocate for a child’s education and health needs. It covered: types of public health coverage available, special education laws and rules, and health preparedness resources. A special Miigwech goes to Julie Wolfe for coordinating the training with F2FHIEC. Anyone wishing to learn about F2FHIEC, CAUSE, and future training opportunities can contact 1-800-359-3722 or visit: bridges4kids.org/f2f.

Membership meeting rescheduled to use new Event Center

The Fall Membership Meeting originally scheduled for September 29th at the Three Fires Conference Center has been rescheduled to Saturday, October 6th to allow us to use the new large Event Center. The new 1700 seat center will provide the tribe with a wonderful opportunity for the largest gathering of Tribal Citizens in our nation’s official history

The scheduling move will also provide Tribal Elders the opportunity to hold their meeting in conjunction with the Fall Membership. This will simplify travel plans for out-of-town visitors.

Mark your calendars for the 6th of October for the Fall Membership Meeting!



Native Peoples working group

As many of you may know the Native Peoples Working Group organized a Tribal symposium (*Indigenous Peoples Wildlife and Ecosystem Management: Past and Present*) for the 2006 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society held in Anchorage. The goal of the symposium was to highlight research and management within Native/First Nations communities and provide insight into the depth and diversity of native programs and how cultural aspects and traditional knowledge are integrated into natural resource management. The symposium was a great success! A number of speakers from around the nation presented information on a variety of topics. Topics included the history of native natural resource management, traditional ecological knowledge and its role in management, resource management and subsistence living, native species research and restoration, exotic species control, conservation issues as well as tribal resource management and co-management among agencies. The symposium began with an opening prayer given by Tlingit elder Walter Austin. Following the opening prayer, a pipe ceremony was given by Haida spiritual leader Kenny “Timberwolf” Gardner. Dorothy Cook, Denaina Athabascan Tribal Council President then gave attendees a warm welcome to the ancestral lands of the Denaina Athabascan people and thanked everyone for coming to and respecting their ancestral lands. Traditional ecological knowledge and its role in management was the first



Thomas Gehring from Central Michigan University finished up the topic of research and restoration with his talk on proactive management of gray wolves in the Great Lakes Region. The symposium finished up with two talks on tribal resource management and co-management among agencies. Dr. Jonathan Gilbert from the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission spoke on co-management decisions after the Voigt decision in Wisconsin and John Antonio. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Native American Liaison spoke on collaboration with tribes to conserve fish and wildlife in the Southwest.

The 2006 Native Peoples Working Group symposium was a great success; over 200 attendees were provided with a unique perspective on natural resource management and gained an understanding on the importance of native natural resources to indigenous communities and their way of life. Thank you to all who participated and contributed to the symposium, your efforts helped in making this symposium a great accomplishment!

2006 Alaska Scholarship Recipients

On behalf of the Native Peoples Working Group a Tribal Scholarship Program was implemented to assist tribal members enrolled in a natural resource related field to attend the Alaska TWS meeting and the tribal symposium. This scholarship was a competitive scholarship offered to any member of a Native American/First Nations Tribe currently enrolled in a natural resources related field. Through a generous donation from the USDA-APHIS, the Native Peoples Working Group offered 4 - \$1,500 scholarships to selected students to attend the 2006 Annual Conference of The Wildlife Society in Anchorage. Recipients for the 2006 Alaska Tribal Scholarship program exemplified the ideas and goals of the Native Peoples Working Group and were very worthy of this award.

The recipients of the 2006 Alaska Tribal Scholarship Program were:
Seafha Blount – Yurok
Dan Howard – Cherokee
Randall Eagleshield - Lakota
Meadow Kouffeld - Citizen
Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma

Meadow Kouffeld



My name is Meadow Kouffeld and I am a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma. I recently graduated from Humboldt State University, California with a Bachelors of Science in Wildlife

Conservation Biology. Currently I work as a wildlife biologist for Stillwater Sciences, a consulting firm in Arcata, California. Primarily I work with avian and amphibian species as well as on fisheries oriented projects. I plan on applying to graduate school in Fall 2007 and hope to attend in Fall 2008. I am not sure where I want to attend graduate school but realize the importance of continuing my education for the development of my career and my contribution to the future of wildlife sciences. I am an avid outdoors woman spending the majority of my free time hunting and fishing. For me wildlife has been a way of life, without it I would feel lost. For this reason as well as many others I have decided to dedicate my life to the perpetuation of scientifically and ethically sound wildlife conservation and management.

Dan Howard

My name is Daniel R. Howard, and I appreciate this opportunity to introduce myself to you. I am an enrolled citizen of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, and member of the Longhair Clan of our tribe. I live in Tahlequah, Oklahoma, which is the site of the headquarters and cultural epicenter of our tribe. I am married and have two school-aged daughters. I am entering the third year of my program of study at the University of Tulsa, working on a PhD in Biology, with an emphasis in conservation biology and environmental ecology. My dissertation work is focused on describing aspects of the reproductive ecology of a threatened grassland cricket species (*Gryllotalpa major*) found on Osage and Cherokee lands in northeastern Oklahoma, and also work with my tribe on a project to document the populations and reproductive behaviors of an endangered beetle species (*Necrophorus americanus*) found within our tribal jurisdiction. I am the first in my family to attend college and graduate school, and taught secondary sciences at Tahlequah High School for several years after completing my undergraduate degree. I completed my master’s degree while teaching fulltime, working with a student population consisting of approximately 70% American Indian students, and then decided to step away from teaching to work on a doctoral degree in biology, with an emphasis in the field of ecology.

In the spring of 2004 I was informed that I was awarded a National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship to pursue a proposal to study a threatened insect species found on tribal lands in Oklahoma. After much deliberation, I left my teaching position to immerse myself completely in applied field research in behavioral ecology. The species I chose to study, the prairie mole cricket, was placed in Category One status under the USFWS Endangered Species Act in 1992, with much remaining to learn about its basic ecology before further evaluation of its formal protection needs can be addressed. During my research study with this species, I have conducted investigations that described its dependence upon frequent fire return times, explored aspects of its advertising song and neurophysiology, and I am now concluding a study focused upon spatial aspects of its reproductive ecology. In this last effort I am integrating GPS/GIS technologies with other fields of ecology such as bioacoustics, sexual selection and bioenergetics. The focus of my dissertation research is to construct a firm

platform of ecological understanding upon which we can build a conservation plan for a species whose populations have exhibited a precipitous decline in numbers over the last few decades.

My study and the efforts of my current research dovetail well with the mission statement of the Natives People Working Group of The Wildlife Society. My study has focused upon the importance of investigating the conservation needs of a poorly understood insect species. While many outside the field of conservation biology question the need for protective measures as applied to invertebrate groups, traditional Cherokee values acknowledge the importance of all creatures and celebrate their place in the biosphere. Moreover, insects play a key role in many Cherokees traditional stories, from the humility orchestrated by the acts of cricket in our story of “How possum lost his tail,” to the role in the formation of Earth’s landforms by the water beetle in our creation story. Native people understand that the value of insects indeed transcend the western binary view that group them as either ‘pest or beneficial’, and we regard these creatures as important citizens in our world. Furthermore, my study has emphasized the need for tribal natural resource managers to take a leadership role in forging management plans for the conservation of rare and/or endangered species found on tribal lands. For the most part in the past, state or federal officials have guided most initiatives involving threatened species in our state. In my study I have purposely involved tribal resource management officials in the review, discussion and development of practical aspects of my investigations in order to insure that the interest of tribal stakeholders is represented.

Implications of my research implore resource managers to work toward increasing public awareness, in both tribal and non-tribal audiences, of the importance of integrating scientific experimental design with traditional American Indian values to produce solutions to complex ecological questions.

Seafha Blount



Working to conserve natural resources is my passion. Although the path to wildlife research was somewhat winding, I am pleased with my current position as a graduate research assistant in wildlife conservation and management and am looking forward to its challenges and rewards. Before making the decision to pursue a Master’s degree in wildlife, I had the opportunity to explore other fields through internships. I feel I have learned valuable lessons that have enhanced my knowledge from the classroom and given me confidence to fulfill my desires in this field.

As an intern for the Yurok Tribe in the summer of 2004, I helped collect water quality data from the reservation’s cultural center, the Lower Klamath River. Duties consisted mostly of maintaining data loggers and downloading the data at several sites along the river as well as algae and macroinvertebrate sampling. In the fall of that year, I was honored to represent



topic of the symposium with contributions given by some of the Alaskan natives participating in the symposium: Bertrand “Kadashan” Adams, Tlingit elder; Larry “Kuuyux” Merculieff, Bering Sea Council of Elders; Patty Brown-Schwalenberg, Chugach Regional Resources Commission and Gary Kompkoff, Tatitlek Village Chief. Following the speakers on traditional ecological knowledge, the next topics of the symposium were regarding to conservation issues and exotic species control. Gary Siftar from the Cherokee eagle aviary presented on the Cherokee tribe’s bald eagle aviary as an alternative for non-releasable eagles. Susan Jojola, USDA Wildlife Services, then provided a presentation on the current and potential efforts between USDA Wildlife Services and First Nations to control exotic species. Following the presentations on conservation issues and exotic species control, symposium topics shifted to native species research and restoration. Todd Rigney from Central Michigan University working with the Little River Band of



Native Peoples working group

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the Yurok Tribe at the Region 9 Tribal EPA conference where I shared my data and internship experiences.

In the summer of 2005, I interned in a collaborated program with the Environmental Careers Organization and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. During my internship, I was placed in a remote field camp at Ugashik Lakes, Alaska, and assisted a graduate student and another summer technician with a fisheries project. We used sonar and gillnetting to collect data on species abundance and distribution of resident fish. This experience was an important opportunity that helped further my understanding of scientific research and provided both skills and knowledge to use in any position I take in the future.

I began graduate school at the University of Arizona in January of this year and am working with the endangered Mount Graham red squirrel of southern Arizona. The region I am

working in is commonly referred to as the "sky islands": mountain islands standing in seas of desert and the squirrels are believed to have evolved in the highest elevations of the Pinaleno (Graham) mountain range for ~10,000 years, unable to travel through lower elevations to other mountainous ecosystems. Several disturbance events have led to habitat reduction, including fire, insect infestation and the erection of manmade structures such as telescopes. I am researching red squirrel response to fire for my Master's project.

After the completion of my Master's, I intend to work in wildlife research in Native communities, eventually in an international position if possible. I would like to begin a wildlife program for the Yurok Tribe, as we do not have a wildlife biologist and we are currently working in the infant stages with several agencies to launch ecotourism commerce on Tribal lands. According to the ecotourism plan, the Tribe will re-introduce populations of elk and other wildlife to parts of the reservation. This project will require dedication and much planning to succeed. I feel it would be beneficial to have a representative for Tribal interests in this area. I would like pursue such an endeavor for a Ph.D. project, as I realize the value of combined education and experience in contributing effectively to a group, organization, or community.

Randall Eagleshield

As a student at Sitting Bull College, which is a tribal college on the Standing Rock Lakota Nation, I firmly believe in the validity and importance of traditional ecological knowledge. I work each day to forward these ideals and to strengthen my tribe's connection to the land and all of its inhabitants. For example, I recently received my A.S. degree in Environmental Science with an emphasis on water quality, because I know how vital water quality rights and issues are to Native peoples. For my final research project, I studied the waterborne pathogen known as cryptosporidium and its existence in

the Missouri River. I have also worked on other research projects, including writing a conservation management plan for the bald eagle, conducting a bird survey of the threatened Loggerhead Shrike (*Lanius ludovicianus*), establishing a project to increase bluebird populations on Standing Rock, and working to eradicate a noxious weed called leafy spurge (*Euphorbia escula*). As you can see, all of this research is performed for the benefit of indigenous peoples and our sacred wildlife.

I am currently pursuing my Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, and I hope to continue with this type of beneficial research. The more I learn, the more I will do to help indigenous people. I was raised in the *Hunkpapa* Lakota way, and one of our tenants is respect for *Ina Maka*, the great Mother Earth. This means that we value all living and even non-living entities that reside on this beautiful planet. Traditionally, the Lakota people worked to live in harmony with the natural environment, and to take only what they needed from the land. If we had extra, we shared with others. One of our most sacred animals was *Tatanka*, or the buffalo (*Bison bison*). Every part of the buffalo was used for food, shelter, tools, etc. Nothing was wasted. These are just some of the traditions I was taught since I was very young, and through this indigenous world view, I hope to help other Native Americans understand the importance of our natural resources.

I have also had many work experiences that promote the values of

indigenous peoples. For instance, I spent seven years working with the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe as a water treatment

operator. I did my absolute best to ensure the water that my people consumed was in accordance with U.S., E.P.A. standards. I was also a construction inspector for the Indian Health Service. At the office of Engineering and Environmental Health, I inspected the construction of water and sewer lines built on the Standing Rock Reservation. I truly know the importance and power that water rights have for indigenous people.

All of my education and experiences have made me realize the sacredness of our natural resources. Unfortunately, these resources have been and continue to be exploited. I believe the only way to combat this exploitation is through unity and education. As the great Lakota medicine man, Sitting Bull, once said, "Let us put our minds together to see what we can build for our children." This is the motto of my college and also words that I choose to live by. Attending the Wildlife Society's conference would not only be an honor, but it would give me the chance to share my views with like-minded people, and gain insight into the ways in which others are protecting and appreciating Mother Earth.

Tribal Fishing meetings continue

Representatives of the tribal commercial fishermen, Natural Resources Commission, Public Safety and government continued their series of meetings with area Sport and Charter Fishing organizations this month. The meetings also included representatives of other agencies and interested parties including the Convention and Visitors Bureau and DNR. The meetings were facilitated by the Manistee Economic Development Office.

The meetings are informational and are designed to improve communication between the groups regarding the tribal commercial fishing operations. The tribal nets have been a source of controversy over the years as the tribe exercises our treaty-given rights. This year has seen an expansion of our fishing into the waters off of Manistee and North to Arcadia. There have also been negative incidents reported in regard to our fishing including bumper stickers, posters and some very inflammatory websites.

Don Stone (Tribal Elder) from S&S Fisheries reported that as of early July that there were 11

nets total in the waters bordering Manistee County. Estimates reported by the DNR were that there were 5-7 nets in the waters South of Manistee, placed by a separate group of commercial fishermen.



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Casino Construction Update

In a recent tour with Mark Wilson, Project Manager at the Casino Resort, it was obvious that the completion of the project is coming soon! Wall coverings and ceiling tiles are not all up yet, but are getting there. The rock sculpture that will be the indoor river is now actually looking like a 'river' instead of just a dream in the sand. The toilets are installed; the sinks are working and events to allow for testing of the sound and lights in the Entertainment Center are being scheduled.

While schedules are still not carved in stone, they are tentatively set to begin in August. Watch the *Currents* and the website (www.lrbci.com) for upcoming event schedules.



Mushigon Construction is looking for Tribal Members that are in the residential or commercial construction field and are interested in employment, please contact Tresa @ 231/398-0800, via e-mail: tresa.mushigon@sbcglobal.net or Mushigon Construction, LLC 294 River Street Manistee, Michigan 49660

Attention!

There is one opening for the Muschegon Board of Directors if you are interested please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.

Annual Jiingtamok! Pow Wow Grounds Cleanup

The cleanup of the Gathering Grounds, under the direction of David Jirikovic, was completed well before the 2007 Annual Jiingtamok. He and the crew from the Tribal Maintenance Department did a wonderful job of removing the contaminated soil and old materials that had polluted this special area. They then graded the old sites and brought in the City of Manistee's new beach sweeper to clean up remaining debris. They will be sowing grass seed soon to bring it back to a more natural condition for the enjoyment of all of our people.

Jirikovic told Currents that one decision made was to work with the natural lay of the land instead of just flattening out campsites. They wanted to keep the land in a more natural condition to provide visitors and campers an experience more in keeping with the nature of the tribal lands and traditions.

Working on the cleanup with the sweeper from the city of Manistee

were Jack Garber and Gary Niesen. From the tribe it was John Shepard and David Jirikovic.



The annual tribal Jiingtamok (Pow Wow) was held at the beginning of July out at the tribal Gathering Grounds. Photos of the event are in the center spread of the *Currents*. There was quite a bit of work in preparation this year with major cleanup activities on the South end. Lots of junk was removed, the soil was swept using the City of Manistee's beach sweeper. Then the tribal Maintenance Department did a great job of getting the grounds ready.

Kudos also to the Cultural Preservation Committee for their work on the event! It is a lot of work bringing this annual affair to the Gathering Grounds and the CPC and Tribal Government deserve a lot of recognition for their mutual efforts.



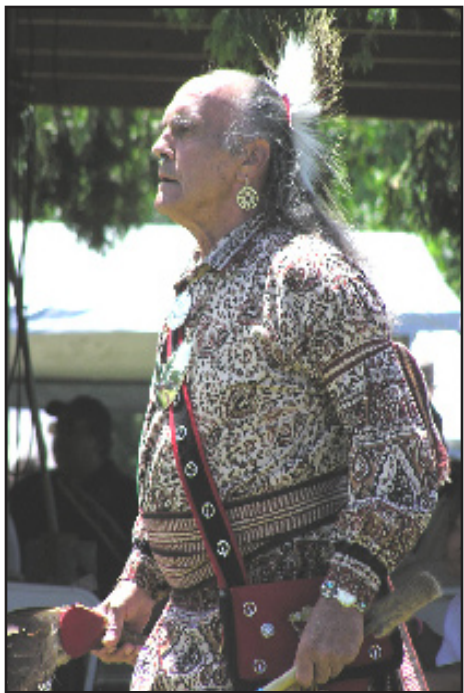
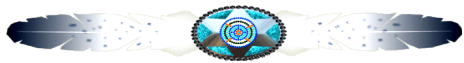
stories and photos by: Glenn C. Zaring
Public Information Director

New Look for Currents!

As you might have noticed, your Currents newspaper has a new look on the front and back pages. We had a graphic artist work up some new designs that we will be running over the summer for this portion of the paper. By the way, this particular piece in a newspaper is called a "Masthead."

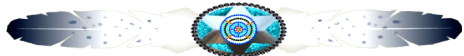
Here's the good part for you! We would like your feedback on the new designs. If you like them; don't like them, think they are great or think they are terrible...we want to hear from you! Everyone who sends in a comment about the new look will be entered for a drawing in September for a \$50 gift certificate. Just send your thoughts on the new art to currentscomments.com.

The Currents has been using the same one for almost three years now and we thought something fresh might be nice! Thank you for working with us to pick the one you like!



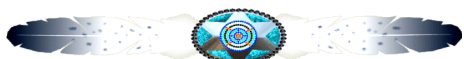
Head Veteran Paul Yarnell

The duties of the Head Veteran Dancer begin with the selection of the flag carriers and continues the entire Pow Wow. Leading the Grand Entry and carrying the Eagle Staff, he represents all of the Native Americans who have served their country. The care of the Eagle feathers is another important role of the Head Veteran.



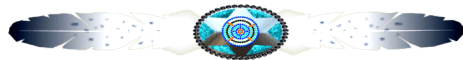
*Arena Director
Kenny Pheasant*

The Arena Director makes the Pow Wow work once it has begun. He is responsible for the coordination of everything, which will ensure the dances begin smoothly. He organizes the dancers and makes sure that they enter the circle in correct order. He also sees that the singers and dancers have everything they need to participate, and coordinates the entries and specialty dances.



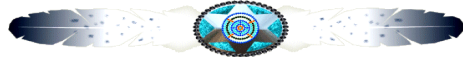
*Emcee
Derek Bailey*

The Emcee is responsible for coordinating the activities of the Pow Wow and keeping events going smoothly. All announcements, information and explanations of the events must be made by the Emcee. The Emcee must have the knowledge of all of the songs, dances, customs, Tribes, often a good sense of humor and general information about the Pow Wow, as he is expected to explain all aspects of the event



*Head Female Dancer
Sally Jobes*

Sally is a Tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. She currently resides in Manistee, Michigan. Sally is employed by the Little River Casino and is a Traditional Dancer.



Flag Bearers

The Flag Bearers are responsible for carrying in the eagle feather staff and U.S., Tribal and Canadian flags and any other flags that are necessary. The Flag Bearers are usually veterans and post the colors. They also retire the flags on each day of the Pow Wow.



*Head Male Dancer
Marty Wabindato*

Marty is a Tribal member of the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians. He currently resides in Manistee, Michigan. He is a Traditional Dancer and has won many competitions for his dancing throughout Indian Country.



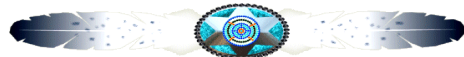
Men's Traditional Dance

The men's traditional dance is a combination of storyteller and keeper of the traditional ways. Traditional dancers tell tales of bravery or success on the hunt through the movements of their dances. They imitate animals with side-to-side movements towards an enemy. The regalia (outfit) is more subdued in color than many of the others. Most of the dancers wear a roach of porcupine or horsehair that has been dyed red, with an Eagle (or other type) feather "rocker". A bustle of Eagle feathers, a bone breastplate, choker, ribbon shirt, breechcloth, bells or dusters often distinguish this type of regalia. Others may wear similar regalia without the bustles, or with a different type of headgear. Often they carry items related to their warrior status such as shields, staffs or clubs decorated to show achievement. Traditional male (and female) Dancers preserve the oldest style of Native American dancing.



Men's Fancy Dance

Although it is thought to be a fairly new style of dance and regalia, the fancy dance may trace its roots to the regalia and specialized dances of various warrior (and other) societies. The regalia is restricted only by the individual dancer. The hair roach is still the most popular head ornament, but from there the regalia is full of color and movement. This style of clothing is marked by two colorful bustles. Fringes, beadwork, arm bands and all must be brilliantly colored and some may even be fluorescent. A basic guideline for Traditional dancers to remember is to always have one foot on the ground. It seems that here the goal is to always have both feet off of the ground! The dancers combine spins, jumps, and other acrobatic movements within their twirling and spinning motions of the dance. They must follow the changing beat of the Drum and stop with both feet firmly on the ground at the end of the song.



Men's Grass Dance

Introduced to the Great Lakes by Ojibwa of the Northern Plains, this style of dance represents the swaying of tall grasses in the wind. It also could have come from the flattening of the grass of the dance arena. The regalia is colorful, but lack the bustles and feathers. A hair roach and feather, beautifully fringed shirt, breechcloth and leggings make up the main outfit with beadwork (or quillwork) belts and headbands. The fringes are of yarn or ribbon and replace the grasses the original dancers used long ago. Eagle (or other type) bone whistles are carried as they were symbols of the Omaha people



Women's Traditional Dance

The traditional woman dancer is highly respected, representing the roles of life-giver and nourisher of the Tribe. As with the male dancer, they are viewed as the keepers of the traditional ways of life. Her dancing regalia includes a dress (or skirt and shirt) made of the best buckskin or cloth, usually of a darker color. The dress reaches below the knee, often to mid-calf to cover the tops of her leggings. A traditional woman should never let her legs show. The entire regalia is adorned with elk teeth, shells, ribbon work, beadwork belts and other items of jewelry. Most carry a shawl, feather fan, or a single eagle feather. Decorated moccasins and knee high leggings complete the outfit. The dance should show the slow, graceful movements in time with the Drum with no loss of dignity or discipline. Often, you will see other dancers or spectators stand to honor these women who possess the gift of life. Whether dancing in place or moving around the circle, these women are among the most beautiful and cherished in the world



Pat Ruiter
Council Member



Women's Jingle Dress Dance

There can be no mistaking the jingle dress which is made of cloth, decorated with colorful ribbons and/or rick rack and the single element that sets it apart are the metal cones (or jingles). There are 365 jingles on the dress, sewn on one a day while a prayer is said for the benefit of others, although this number may vary. It is believed that the dress and dance came to the Tribes as a cure for disease, to a member of the Ojibwa, and has become the symbol of commitment by the woman (or girl) wearing the dress. Traditionally, the dancer has responded to a dream or vision that calls her to become a jingle dress dancer. The dancers must keep in time to the music while showing reverence and grace in the movements. The steps should be small and close to Mother Earth. This woman's style does not use a shawl. Some carry a feather fan which they use in the flow with significant meaning. Many see it as the "sweeping" away of sickness and the jingles make the sound of constant prayer during the dance.



A Special...
Kchi Miigwech (Thank You) To:

Cultural Preservation Committee
~ Little River Band Tribal Council
Tribal Historic Preservation
~ Little River Maintenance Department
Little River Public Safety ~ Little River Casino Resort
Manistee High School ~ West Shore Medical Center EMS
Valerie Chandler ~ Renee Diehlman
Jillian Lewis ~ Diane Lonn
Joan Burkhart ~ Geoffrey Burkhart
Philip Thomas ~ Angela Willis
Josh Stone ~ Karl Waitner

We also give a very special "Kchi Miigwech" to anyone we may have forgotten as well as the many volunteers and family members; and to our Elders and ancestors, for without them we could not accomplish the work necessary to make this Jiingtamok a success.



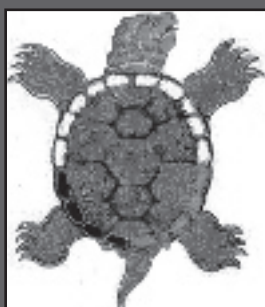
Women's Fancy Shawl Dance

The women's fancy shawl dance is similar to the men's fancy dance. The regalia consists of a knee length dress, usually of cloth, decorated moccasins with matching leggings, various jewelry items and a fancy, decorative shawl. The fancy shawl dance is thought to have originated as the "Butterfly Dance." When her mate is killed in battle, the female butterfly mourns and goes into a cocoon symbolized by the shawl. She travels over the world looking for happiness. Her emergence from the cocoon celebrates freedom and a new life. The dance is one of motion, footwork and following the Drum the same way a men's fancy dancer does. Spins will accent the dance and the dancer should end with both feet on the ground.



Tiny Tots

This category is reserved for the young children, who will often wear miniature versions of an adult's regalia. The younger children are not expected to perform the dance styles perfectly, and many proud parents may be seen escorting their child around the arena to help them through a dance. There are often special songs that are composed just for the Tiny Tots.



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Look What's Rolling at the River

Preference Employees at the Little River Casino Resort

Little River Casino Resort welcomes the following new hire preference employees for June 2007

- Donald Underwood -Food & Beverage/Bar Porter
- Vanita Nelson - Food & Beverage/Cashier
- Joshua Guthrie - Slot Operations/Slot Technician Level I
- Tresa McCaslin-Shawnoskey - Marketing/Sales Administrative Assistant
- Joseph Kelsey -INTERNSHIP in the IT department through Muskegon Community College

Preference Employees at LRCR celebrating “Years of Service” *Anniversaries in July 2007*

- Brenda Koon - Administration/Slot Operations/Performance Specialist - Slot Representative - Eight Years
- Tiphanie Sam - Finance/Cage Manager - Eight Years
- Pamela Gauthier - Security/Officer Level III - Eight Years
- Linda Andre - Marketing/Direct Marketing Manager - Eight Years
- Susan Mrasek - Facilities/Dual Rate EVS Cleaner - Eight Years
- Debbie Pete - Hotel/Retail Supervisor - Eight Years
- Pamela Cobb - Finance/Receiving Supervisor - Seven Years
- Cynthia Champagne - Human Resource/Director - Seven Years
- Geoffrey Burkhart - IT/System Analyst - Seven Years
- Diana O’Neal - Hotel/Executive Housekeeper - Five Years
- Carl Ingraham - Facilities/Dual Rate EVS Cleaner - Four Years
- Brett Champagne - Food & Beverage/Sous Chef - Two Years
- Kayla Gaul - Gaming Operations/Floor Supervisor - Two Years
- Rickie Olthoff - Food & Beverage/Steward - Two Years
- Gerald Dutmers - **Hotel/Guest Service Attendant - Two Years**

JOBS AT LRCR

To obtain Job Descriptions or to apply for positions at the Little River Casino Resort, please call 888-568-2244 and ask to speak to a Recruiting Representative. For up-to-date Job Postings, please visit our website at lrcr.com and go to the employment section. You may also call HR toll-free at **888-568-2244** or call the Job Hotline at **800-806-4348**. The website and hotline are updated as positions become available.

Educational Sponsored Internship Opportunities at the Little River Casino Resort

We want to remind everyone about the Educational Sponsored Internship Program available at the Little River Casino Resort. This is an opportunity extended to anyone attending an accredited college or university needing to complete a required college/university sponsored internship. As a LRCR intern, you can expect to work on substantive projects, develop professional skills, and benefit from the personal attention of department leaders. There will be weekly meetings, training, and much more that will be mandatory for you to attend and participate in. For more information regarding Educational Internship opportunities, please contact Lisa Sagala, Recruiting Supervisor at 231-398-3858 or 888-568-2244.

Tribal Member Highlight



Pam Cobb (Compeau);
Finance/ Receiving Supervisor

Pamela M. “Compeau” Cobb grew up in Ludington, Michigan. Her parents are Jesse Compeau and Arlene “Lemire” Compeau. Her grand parents were Benjamin and Alice “LaHaye” Compeau. Her great grandparents were Joseph and Mary “Barnhardt” Compeau and Ephram and MaryAnn “Robertson” LaHaye. Pam’s husband Ed also works at the Casino. She has 3 sisters and 1 brother. Two of her sister’s work for Tribal Government and her other sister works here at the Casino.

Pam graduated from Ludington High School “way back when”. After graduation she started working at Giantway Family Center in Ludington. She worked there for almost 23 years. She then went to work at a factory in Ludington. Pam worked there for almost 8 years before coming to work at the casino in July of 2000. Pam was hired as Receiving Supervisor and is still holds that position today. She has successfully helped the casino with moving the receiving area three different times. She felt it was “Lots of fun with each move.” The last move was the best because it was into a newly built warehouse right on casino property.

“L.R.C.R. is amazing. It has grown so much over the last few years.” Pam believes it will only grow bigger to be a more “family” oriented resort. “This growth will bring in more guests to our casino resort and things can only get better.”

Pam feels that the future of the Tribe hopefully will include 1/8 bloods into the membership to insure the Tribe grows and prospers. Education, health care and continued elder support will be a major focus of the Tribe. The Tribe already offers great opportunities for the membership since it received its’ sovereignty. Pam believes it will only grow to do more over time. “I see a great future for anyone here at L.R.C.R that wants to go for it.”

Casino/Resort Wage Grid

In accordance with Resolution # 07-0516-260, Authorization to Publish the Wage and Salary Information for Employment Positions at the Little River Casino Resort , the Little River Casino/Resort management has provided the following information to the Currents for publication.

Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	FOOD BEVERAGE AND
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	Director of Food and Beverage
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	Executive Chef Senior F&B Manager
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	F&B Manager
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	F&B Performance Specialist
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	Sous Chef
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	F&B Supervisor
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	SECURITY
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	Director of Security
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	Security Manager
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	P e r f o r m a n c e Specialist
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	S e c u r i t y Supervisor
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	F&B Supervisor
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	



L.R.B.O.I. Toll Free Job Hotline
1-866-556-5660
For more information contact:
Alyce Giltz in Human Resouces
@1-888-723-8288





Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	HUMAN RESOURCES
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	Director of Human Resources
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	Human Resources Manager
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	Recruiting Supervisor, Development Specialist, HR Administration Supervisor, Benefits/HRIS Supervisor, Performance Specialist
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	IT Director
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	IT Manager
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	Network Operations Administrator
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	Systems Administrator
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	Communications Admin. Technical Services Admin.
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	IT Help Desk Supervisor Systems Administrator
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	Network Assistant
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	GAMING
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	Director of Gaming Operations
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	Slot Operations Manager
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	Slot Perfomance Manager Table and Games Manager
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	T&G Shift Mang. SlotOperationsShiftManager Assistant T&G Manager
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	Slot Ops Assistant Shift Mang. T&G Assistant Shift Mang.
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	Slot Performance S u p e r v i s o r Table Games Performance Specialist Slot Performance Specialist
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	Slot Ops Floor Supervisor
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	HOTEL
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	Director of Hotel Operations
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	Hotel Manager
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	Executive Housekeeper
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	Retail Supervisor, Front Desk Supervisor



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	FINANCE
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	Director of Finance
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	Controller, Cage Manager
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	Purchasing Manager, Casino Accounting Manager, Financial Analyst
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	Budget Analyst
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	General Ledger Accountant
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	Cage Floor Manager, Count Services Manager
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	Gaming Audit Supervisor, Non-Gaming Audit Supervisor
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	Cage Supervisor, Receiving Supervisor
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	FACILITIES
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	Director of Facilities
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	Chief Engineer
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	EVS/Wardrobe Manager
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	EVS Shift Supervisor, Wardrobe Supervisor, High Lift/floor Care Supervisor



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	MARKETING
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	Director of Marketing
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	Player Development Manager, Events & Entertainment Manager, Direct Marketing Manager
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	Player's Club Manager, Group Sales Manager, Conference Sales Manager
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	Conference Sales Representative
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	



Grade	MINIMUM	MIDPOINT	MAXIMUM	10% ABOVE AVERAGE	ADMINISTRATION
R	\$181,256	\$226,570	\$271,570	\$199,382	General Manager
Q					
P					
O	\$119,176	\$148,970	\$178,764	\$131,094	Special Projects Manager
N					
M	\$83,995	\$104,945	\$125,935	\$92,395	
L	\$76,453	\$95,566	\$114,680	\$84,098	
K	\$68,140	\$85,175	\$102,210	\$74,954	Enterprise Attorney
J	\$60,732	\$75,915	\$91,098	\$66,805	
I	\$54,128	\$67,660	\$81,192	\$59,541	Regulatory Compliance Manager
H	\$48,240	\$60,300	\$72,360	\$53,064	
G	\$42,996	\$53,745	\$64,494	\$47,296	Internal Auditor Sanitarian
F	\$38,320	\$47,900	\$57,480	\$42,152	Safety Officer
E	\$34,152	\$42,690	\$51,228	\$37,567	
D	\$30,440	\$38,050	\$45,660	\$33,484	Compliance Officer-Gaming
C	\$27,132	\$33,915	\$40,698	\$29,845	
B	\$25,087	\$30,225	\$35,363	\$27,596	Compliance Officer-Title 31
A	\$23,660	\$28,315	\$32,968	\$26,026	



By samantha Riley Zentner

Featuring this month – Accounting

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has over 25 departments doing various things for the membership. This series provides capsule summaries of the duties and responsibilities of various departments.

The Finance/Accounting department was created in order to carry out the departments mission statement of: providing accurate, reliable, and timely financial data while maintaining appropriate internal controls that will ensure the financial integrity of Tribal programs in compliance with the requirements of all funding sources, generally accepted accounting principles and applicable regulations as well as protecting the assets of the Tribe.

In general the department is made up of many smaller departments that are organized in order to effectively achieve the mission statement. There are 12 sections within the finance/accounting department which include; budgeting, risk management, accounts payable, purchasing, receiving, payroll, property, grants management, mailroom, travel, accounts receivable and cash management. The most visible output of the Finance/Accounting department is the solidarity in their work. Even the smallest order is placed through a system of checks and balances in order to verify the request. The first step is to make a purchase request. The purchasing section processes all purchase requests, develops and posts these requests for proposals and evaluates them. After the purchase has been made the receiving section matches all merchandise to purchase orders and submits detailed invoices to accounts payable who processes all vendor payments after matching all merchandise to purchasing and receiving documents. As anyone could see this department was setup

in order to maintain financial security and to ensure safety. Together all 12 sections work together to create a functioning and stable backbone to any and all Tribal activities. For more information regarding any of the above sections or the department as a whole please contact: Steve Wheeler at 1-888-723-8288 ext. 6868

Want to be a Journalist?

Have you ever thought about being a journalist? Here's your chance. The Public Information Department is looking for young Tribal Members who would like to explore the profession of Journalism. If you are interested in becoming what is called a "Free Lance Journalist" for the Tribal newspaper, the Little River Currents, this is your chance.

Beginning in 2007, we are looking for a few young members who would be interested in learning how to cover events and/or write articles of interest for the newspaper. You will receive coaching and you will be paid for each article that is printed.

You don't have to have previous experience but good English skills are necessary. Also, you will need to have access to a digital camera and the Internet (e-mail).

For more details on this program, contact the Public Information Department at: currentscomments@lrboi.com

Birdhouse Building Workshop

The workshop was a great success thanks to the LRBOI Maintenance Department and all the children who came out to help build the birdhouses. The Education Department would like to thank Claytus Clyne and Brian Gibson for providing instruction at the workshop and James Stuck for cutting the wood for the children's birdhouses. We couldn't have done it without you!!! We would also like to thank Diana O'Neal, from the Little River Casino Resort, for suggesting the workshop and getting the wood cut for the Little River Casino RV Park birdhouses by the LRCCR Maintenance Department. The children and young adults that participated in the workshop were: Shiann Gonzalez, Emerald Lawrence, Blaque Clyne, Brenden Gibson, Joseph Garza, Knight Vizenor, Swan Lewis, Bronsen Clyne, Wabanung Bussey, Andre Lewis, Jacob Berentsen and Rachel Walsh. The big kids that participated were; Stephanie Chau, Debra Davis, Yvonne Parsons, Claytus Clyne, Justin Knapp and George Lawrence. 1000 Megwetches to you all from the Education Department!



Attention all Tribal Members

If you are interested in joining any of the following Commissions or Committees please submit a letter of interest to the Ogema's office with a copy going to the Tribal Council.

Natural Resource Commission
Binojeeuk Commission
Housing Commission
Enrollment Commission
Gaming Commission
Boxing Commission
Health Commission
Cultural Preservation Committee
Commerce Commission
Heath Board Commission

As a collaborative effort between Tribal Historic Preservation, Education and Be-Da-Bin Prevention program an after-school program targeted at K-3rd grade students was created combining both anisinaabewowin and prevention. The program focused on development of self pride, confidence, resiliency, strength and cultural empowerment while providing a safe and fun environment for students.

The groups name was “Nangonhsak” which means stars. “Everyone seems to like to see stars. Some say ‘oh the stars are out tonight’ but you know that they are always there, but it is just that we can’t see them all the time. These children are just like stars, they will shine forever maybe sometimes not noticed, but they will always be there to shine,” said Instructor Kenny Pheasant.

“We started this program a couple of months ago so the kids can learn language, culture and history,” said Instructor Kenny Pheasant. The students attended the classes once a week after school for an eight-week stretch. Pheasant, along with his co-workers Julie Wolf and Stephanie Chaw, plan to continue the program in the fall.

On Thursday, May 31st the students were rewarded for their hardwork and dedication upon the conclusion of the class. The evening’s field trip began with a trip to the LRBOI Justice Center. The children were given a tour of the facilities and introduced to Brit the police department’s animosh (dog). The children were shown the everyday events that take place within the police department, from fingerprinting to the courtrooms. The tour concluded with a look at the police cruisers, where officers blared the sirens and handcuffed the willing participants.

From the Justice Center the group went to the Conservation building where they were taught how to transplant sema (tobacco) plants and shown how wiingash looks as it is growing.

The final stop for the day’s trip was to the House of Flavors where the children were given the chance to have ice cream with the Ogema and those with perfect attendance were given awards and language Cd’s.



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Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

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Kateri center events calendar

These are the future dates for the Kateri center events calendar
and EVERYONE is Welcome and are free classes so come socialize and learn the ways of our people.....

June 23th 12:00 to 4pm Kateri center, NEW bathroom fund-raiser-Dinner provided for a donation. more infoDebra Gutowski -231-733-2891-- Mary-231-869-5316 3802 144th St. Hart, Michigan

June 30th, Craft classes 12:00 to 4pm Kateri center
Lunch dish to share.
more info Mary-231-869-5316

July 21th Craft classes Kateri center 12:00 to 4 pm, Also Pot Luck dinner.Dish to share more info call Mary 231-869-5316

July 28th Krause Park Muskegon Summer Gathering, 4-8
Krause is the end of Sherman Blvd. Dish to Pass

Aug 18 th Summer Potluck
Kateri center 3802 144th St. Elbridge-Hart
12:00 to 4 pm. Dish to pass Also craft classes
more info Debra Gutowski-231-733-2891

August 25th Craft class Kateri center 12:00-4pm , Lunch
Dish to share more info Mary 231-869-5316

Sept 1-2- Youth Camp out
Kateri center 3802 144th St.
more info call Debra Gutowski-231-733-2891

Sept.22th Fundraiser Kateri center
12:00 to 4pm (still in planning stages)
Craft classes at same time
Mary-231-869-5316

Sept 29th Craft class
Kateri center 3802 144th St -Elbrdge-Hart
Dish to Share for lunch 12:00 to 4pm

Oct.20th Craft class and Pot Luck Dinner
Kateri center 3802 144th St. Elbridge -Hart
Dish to pass 12:00 to 4pm

Oct.21th Halloween Gathering
VFW 446 165 S. Getty Muskegon 11- 4pm
more info call Patti Wlodkowski-755-4865

Oct.27th Craft class, Lunch Dish to Share.
Kateri center 3802 144th St. Elbridge-Hart
12:00 to 4 pm

Nov. 4th Ghost Supper 11-4 pm
VFW 446 165 S. Getty St. Muskegon
Dish to pass a time of Honoring our ancestors
Patti Wlodkowski-755-4865

Nov.10th Hunter Potluck 12:00 to 4 pm Dish to Pass
Kateri center 3802 144th St. Elbridge-Hart

Dec.2th Christmas Gathering-VFW 446 165 S.Getty Muskegon 11am to 4 pm Dish
to Pass Patti Wlodkowski 755-4865

Debra Gutowski
Director
Native American Ministries
Diocese of Grand Rapids
650 Burton SE.
Grand Rapids,Mi
49507



As of June 1, five Tribal police personnel were hired as seasonal officers for the city of Manistee as part of a cooperative arrangement that is good for the Tribe and the City. The officers were hired to help with foot and bike patrols over the summer.

“One of the goals the city council came up with is they wanted the best beaches in the county, and they want the police department working with the downtown merchants and they want a friendly atmosphere to encourage tourism. They have asked in order to do that, we need to put more officers on the beaches we need to put more officers on

foot patrol for downtown parking and for Riverwalk,” said City Police Chief, David Bachman.

After discussions with Joe Laporte, the Director with Tribal Police, Chief Bachman soon discovered that they could both benefit from a coalition. Laporte needs to maintain *Michigan Coalition on Law Enforcement Standards* (MCOLES) certification for his officers. So in exchange for keeping the officers certified through hiring them for this seasonal job, the tribe offered to fund the part-time help.

“... I could still fill my city council strategic goals and put more officers on the street,”

Bachman said.

The officers’ primary purpose will be to do foot patrol on River Street to help enforce the new parking ordinance there. They will also help to monitor other areas, including the skate park, teen center and helping to keep dogs off the beaches and keep watch after dark.

New hire, Lucas Nelson, said that, “As a resident here, I think this is a good opportunity to take part in doing something for my community.” He also stated that prior to this arrangement he was forced to maintain a part-time job 2 hours away in order to maintain his certification.

All parties involved believe that this arrangement will result in long-term benefits for the city and hopes that the program will continue. This was a step in the right direction for both the tribe and the city.

On June 27 a letter was received and delivered to Tribal Council from Chief Bachman, thanking them for the opportunity and expressing the positive effects and reactions of the community and other full-time officers.

These placements were made possible by a \$15,000 grant made by the Tribe.

Binojeeuk Commission



Tribal Judge Angela Sherigan administered the oath of office to two new members of the Binojeeuk Commission in June. They are, Virgil Johnson and Jessica LeDoux

The Binojeeuk Commission was created by the children’s Code, Ordinance No. # 98-900-01 approved by motion of the Tribal Council on June 8, 1998 and the adoption of by-laws by Tribal Council Resolution # 02-0529-07. The Binojeeuk Commission is created for the purpose of protecting the best interests of the child and promoting the stability and security of the Tribe and it’s Indian Families by fully exercising the Tribe’s rights and responsibilities under the Indian Child Welfare Act 1978 and this Code.



House of Flavors Grand Opening!

The tribally owned House of Flavors (a Charter Enterprise) held a special Saturday Grand Opening for travelers and residents alike last month. Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Face Painting, Balloons and a festive atmosphere made for a very nice event. Staff fired up the Barbeque on the patio and everyone had a good time.



Story and photos by:
Glenn C. zaring

Loretta Retires!



Long-time government employee Loretta Staff retired at the end of June with a big party during the Employee Luncheon. Ogema Larry Romanelli presented Loretta with a plaque of appreciation for her years of work with the Accounting Department in the Bank Building.

Members of Loretta's family also took part in the retirement party and even presented a special poster in honor of her work and devotion to her job.

She will be missed as Loretta was loved by everyone and was much appreciated by the employees....after all, she was in charge of Payroll!

Tribal Artist in area project



There are some really different 'fish' swimming around Onekama these days. They are 5 and one half feet long, weigh 50 pounds and can't swim! The 15 fiberglass 'fish' are part of an art fundraising project for *The Portage Lake Watershed Forever Endowment Fund*. Former Ogema Pat Wilson, an accomplished artist was asked to paint one of the fish. His depicts an aquarium with fish, a sea turtle, coral and other 'aquarium' style decorations. All of the 'Fish' will be displayed around Onekama and will be auctioned off July 28th to raise money for the endowment fund. The idea follows one from cities such as Chicago, which had cows and New York, that had apples. The diversity of art styles has made this a very talked-about, fun project. The fund will be used, according to Beth McCarthy a committee member, "...clean water, healthy water, clean lakes, good fishing which brings people to the area for economic development and tourism."

Health Commission Position

The Tribal Ogema is seeking Tribal Members intersted in serving on the LRBOI Health Board. If interested, please submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Ogema's office.

Patrick D. Wilson, Tribal Ogema, Miigwetch,

A Blooming Good Idea

The Employee Recognition Committee scored another home run this month with their "Special Friend" Plant Sale. The volunteer group of Directors and government staff had a plant sale in the Dome Room (Government Headquarters in Manistee) and sold small potted plants with small note cards on each. The cards carried messages to those who received the plants and members of the committee delivered the plants once they had been purchased.

This was another fund-raising event to raise money for the Employee Recognition Fund. The activity is a voluntary effort, spearheaded by Government Directors working on their own time, aimed at providing special recognition to employees who are nominated by their fellow workers. Each month, nominations are sent in and then the committee reviews them to pick one winner for the month. That winner is then recognized at the monthly Employee Luncheon where they receive a certificate and a gift.



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Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday Mommy!
Candi Wabindato July 2nd
-Love Malcolm & Boo

Happy 17th Birthday Kaitlyn
Nicole Hibbs -August 27th
-Love, Mom, Dad, 7 Simba



Happy 4th Birthday Edith Our Little
Princess August 1st, 2007
Love Mommy, Daddy, Kamron,
Elita, Kaillou

Happy Birthday to my sister Verna
-Love your sister Ada

Happy 83rd Birthday Dad,
Sylvester J. Battice
God bless you dad on your
birthday and always.
-Love Diana and Bob, Janet and
Gary, all 5 granddaughters, and all
13 great grandchildren

Happy Birthday to one of my
beloved Sisters and My beloved
Daughter Stephanie Dysard and
Mackenzie Rose Saboo.6/22
/07&7/23/07

Happy Belated Birthday!

Happy Belated Birthday Patrick,
July 3, 2007.
-From Mom & Caswell Family.

Happy Belated Birthday to Brian
King
-From your Family



Happy 7th Birthday Jacob
Wabindato July 20, 2007. You will
always be my baby, I thank God
for that everyday. My Wild Child,
another year older. I love you!
-Love Mom

Welcome

Welcome to the Tribe Richard
"Rick" Harris
-Love Mom!

Congratulations!



Anthony Wabindato – June
7, 2007 You Graduated! That's
what you get for being so smart!
Congratulations.

Way to go Bubba, we love you
and we're so proud of you
-Mom, Jacob, and Auzaneek.

Happy Anniversary Wedding Annoucments

Happy 4th wedding anniversary
Krystal & David Schramm, July 19,
2007

- Love Mom & Caswell
Family

Happy 15th Wedding Anniversary
CVheryl & Gary kirschman, July
2007

-Love Barb Caswell & Family

Happy 5th Wedding Anniversary
Jennifer & Kevin Caswell, July 26,
2007

- Mom and Caswell Family.

August 13th, Happy 65th
Anniversary Robert and LaDonna
Pratt

- All our Love, your Emily



We proudly announce the marriage
of
Nicole (Ward) & Paul Cale
On June 23rd, 2006
Congratulations
-Your Family & Friends



“ Tribal Member Alfred Olson and Carol Ater were married on July
7th, 2007 in a very special ceremony at the Little River Casino Resort.
Ogema Larry Romanelli presided over the ceremony. Carol is a Casino
Employee with 5 years at the Players Club. Carol and Alfred will reside
in Montague.”

Family Reunion

What: 2nd Moby Reunion

When: Saturday, 4 August 2007

Where: Grand Traverse Band Benzie Tribal Center

Time: 12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm

Please bring favorite dish to pass. There will be ham & turkey for
sandwiches, bread, tea, coffee, lemonade, Catsup, Mustard, & dressing.
Please bring your pictures to share stories any info you have on your
families. See you there!

Thank you for attending the first Moby reunion and making it very
memorable. Newletters at the reunion. If you want a newsletter. E-mail
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_____ Birth Announcement

_____ Other _____

_____ Anniversary/Wedding

_____ School/College Achievement

Write your dedication text out completely, for example: "Happy 60th Anniversary, Aunt Mary and Uncle Harry, April 1, 2004. From your family and friends." Dedications are printed EXACTLY as printed in the space below.

Who is the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians?

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a sovereign tribal nation with a rich history in the Northern Michigan region existing before there was a state of Michigan. The tribe firmly believes that we have much more in common with the local units of government than we do differences. We support a proactive approach by all parties involved for a healthy economy and superior quality of life in Northern Michigan.

Excerpt from the preamble to the Tribal Constitution: "...We, the Little River Ottawa people have asserted our sovereignty throughout history including in the Treaty of Chicago, the Treaty of Washington, and the Treaty of Detroit, reaffirming federal recognition of and confirming the sovereignty of the Grand River Bands comprising the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians (referred to as the Tribe or Little River Band). As an exercise of our sovereign powers, in order to organize for our common good, to govern ourselves under our own laws, to maintain and foster our tribal culture, provide for the welfare and prosperity of our people, and to protect our homeland we adopted our tribal constitution, in accordance with the Indian Reorganization Act of June 18, 1934, as amended, as the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians."

Our Tribal Lands

Tribal Land Acreage Summary:

Total Lands: 3,135.42 acres
Trust Lands: 1,343.87 acres
Simple Fee: 1,791.55 acres

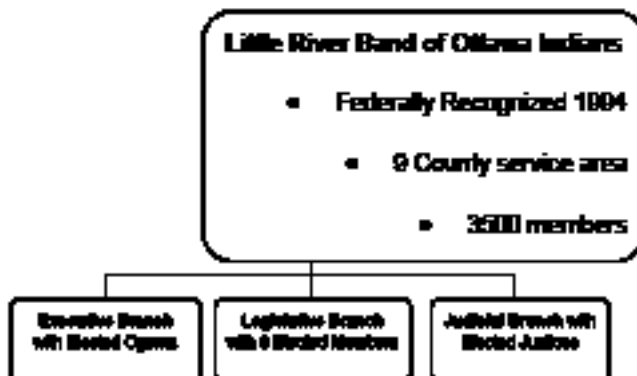
(see printed map on other side of this page for 1836 Reservation boundaries)

Our Economic Impact on the area

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

Economic Information for 2006

Property Taxes paid by Government: \$173,028
Annual Tribal Payroll: \$27,890,417
Number of Tribal Employees: 1200
Employee Benefits paid by the Tribe: \$16,032,872
Total amount paid to vendors: \$50,195,530
Total amount paid to local vendors: \$5,020,583



8% Total contributions to Michigan: \$77,583,524

2% Local contributions: \$13,118,535

P.I.L.T.: \$7,054,660
Public Safety: \$2,922,242
Other: \$1,657,559
Administration: \$390,839
Other: \$90,002
Reserve Account: \$287,233

Government charity contributions: \$33,952

Casino/Resort charity contributions: \$283,300

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians is a vital part of the Manistee County region:

- LRBDI paid over \$173,000 in property taxes in 2006
- Over 90% of the Casino Employees are non-Tribal Members
- Over 1200 area residents are Tribal employees
- Over 10% of all Manistee County jobs are directly related to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians

2%

Revenue Sharing Board Presentation

The Manistee News Advocate headlined coverage of a special luncheon to present the 2% check this way, "The concept of working together brings good things to everyone was the theme when the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians held an economic impact luncheon for local units of government at the Three Fires Conference Center."

For the first time the Casino and Tribal Government arranged to hold a special meeting to help county and city officials fully realize the impact of our 2% contribution (Payment in Lieu Of Taxes or P.I.L.T.) on the area. Attendees at the luncheon received a full packet including the above-created chart. The packet and information was created in a joint effort between Casino officials, the Commerce Department and the Public Information Department

Numerous outside officials commented that they never fully realized just how much positive economic impact occurs because of the Little River Casino and tribal activities.

Story and photo by: Glenn C. Zaring
Public Information Director



Former Ogema Pat Wilson presents 2 % REvenue Sharing Check



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Currents

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This is the most important teaching for all and each race has a Responsibility to each element. All race's carry the genes of the subconscious memory of our responsibilities. Those of us with mix blood are responsible for more than one of these directions.:

THE MEDICINE WHEEL

North (white) -- Sweet grass

The elders

The last part of life.

The white race who have learned to manage fire in a sacred way.

West (black or dark blue)

-- Sage

Represents the western door we go through at the end of our life, the part of our life.

The black race has the responsibility of the water



East (yellow) -- Tobacco

Represents the sunrise

New life, Spring

The hop of the beginning or renewal of life

Our Children

The yellow race have the responsibility of the air (chi)

South (red) -- Cedar

Represents youth to mid-age,

Summer, mid-day

Raising our families

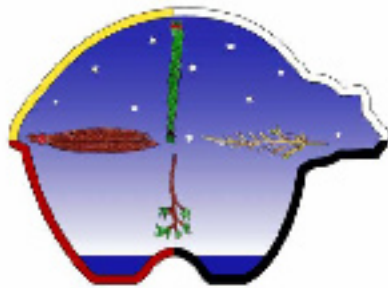
The red race has the responsibility of the earth, Who know the earth does not need or belong to us but that we need and belong to the earth.

2007 medicine wheel planting....Be-Da-Bin Prevention Program again sponsored the Annual Medicine wheel planting. These medicine wheel help represent our tribe as well as our culture. We had guess speaker Hunter Genia, sharing in teachings before we all got busy planting. The youth involved in the planting were Joseph, Josh, Lily, Aurelia, Raven, Sage, Grace, Bishop, Celia, Neebin, Violet, Emerald, David. Orian, Peaches, Shiann, Abram, Rain, Cecelia, Breanden and Rayqon, Many thanks to the volunteers, Stephanie, Deb, George, Fred, Jeanie, Justin, Sally, Gary, Denise, Rod, Darrin, Chad, Brain, Kathy, Gina, Jessica, and Sandy that keep them looking so great.

Submitted by: Julie Wolfe
Youth Prevention Counselor



Wellness



Walk



Words of Wisdom

The path to glory is rough, and many gloomy hours obscure it. May the Great Spirit shed light on your path, so that you may never experience the humility that the power of the American government has reduced me to. This is the wish of a man who, in his native forests, was once as proud and bold as yourself.

Black Hawk - Sauk



Photos by: Julie Wolfe
Youth Prevention Counselor